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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO HONOR
INDUSTRY EFFORTS TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will present 2004 Earth Day Awards to eight companies or individuals for going beyond what is required by regulation to protect the environment while providing society with essential natural resources. The awards will be presented during ceremonies by the board prior to its regularly scheduled hearing on Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Awards will be presented to Brush Resources, Inc.; Canyon Fuel Company General Manager Dan Meadors; Energy West Mining Co.; Kennecott Barneys Canyon Mine; Plateau Mining Co.; Questar Pipeline Co.; Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates; and Utah Power.

“Earth Day Awards were created as a vehicle to recognize those companies and individuals who go the extra mile in protecting the environment,” explained Board Chairman Allan Mashburn. “Each of these recipients has taken action on their own initiative to improve our environment and they deserve this recognition.”

The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining has presented Earth Day Awards to operators since 1991. The essential requirement for receiving an award is that a company must voluntarily perform work that is not required by law. Since that time 43 mining and oil and gas companies, or individuals, have been singled out for their environmental awareness.

The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will begin their formal agenda at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2004-005, Cause No. 220-05 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Evergreen Resources, Inc. for an Order Modifying the Order Entered in Cause No. 220-4 Affecting Certain Lands in

Sections 9, 14, and 16 of Township 12 South, Range 10 East, S.L.M., and Providing for the Drilling of Additional Wells to Achieve a Well Density of Two Wells for Each Drilling Unit or the Equivalent of 80-Acre Well Spacing for Production of Gas (Including, but not limited to Coalbed Methane) and Associated Hydrocarbons from the Blackhawk Formation in the Lower Mesaverde Group in the Castlegate Field of Carbon County, Utah.

The Board is being asked to modify an earlier spacing order.

2. Docket No. 2004-06, Cause Nos. DAR 27015, 27016, 27017, and 27018 – In the Matter of the Division’s Request to Commence Formal Rulemaking to Amend the Minerals

Regulatory Program Rules at Utah Administrative Code R647-1 (Definitions), R647-6 (Inspection and Enforcement: Division Authority and Procedures), R647-7 (Inspection and Enforcement: Civil Penalties), and R647-8 (Inspection and Enforcement: Individual Civil Penalties).

Board will accept public comment on this matter.

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